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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RE APPLICATION OF: CEM BASCERI ET AL.
APPLICATION NO.: 10/665,099
FILED: SEPTEMBER 17, 2003
FOR: **MICROFEATURE WORKPIECE
PROCESSING APPARATUS AND
METHODS FOR CONTROLLING
DEPOSITION OF MATERIALS ON
MICROFEATURE WORKPIECES**

EXAMINER: WILLIAM M.
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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed September 30, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 1-12, 18-32 and 43-46. Although the applicants' attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicants' attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

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